

Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
June 7, 2023
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on June 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, with Chairman John J. Mallon presiding.

1. Reading of "Open Public Meeting Act:"

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman asked everyone to join him in honoring our military service members who protect our freedom every day.

3. Roll Call:

- Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
- Dr. Maurice Hill
- Dr. Theresa Kubiel
- Ms. Veronica Laureigh
- Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

- Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
- John Sahradnik, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting were approved.

Name	Bacchione	Gupta	Hill	Kubiel	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	X		X		X		X	X	X
Abstain				X					
Nays									
Absent		X				X			

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent amended agenda on resolutions 161(23) through 180(23) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 161(23) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – May 23, 2023 - \$518,354.92 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 162(23) – Finance Committee Report – June 7, 2023 - \$387,020.30 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #23-00494, #23-00627, #23-00864, #23-00963, #23-01118, #23-01119, #23-01132, #23-01161, #23-01176, and #23-01222; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on

Items #23-00494, #23-00627, #23-00864, #23-00963, #23-01118, #23-01119, #23-01132, #23-01161, #23-01176, and #23-01222, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 163(23) – Personnel Committee Report – June 7, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 164(23) – Authorization to amend resolution 127(23) with Linda Dzedzic, DVM – in an amount not to exceed \$25,700.00 – for the period June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 165(23) – Authorization to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Cumberland County Board of Health – Training Assessment for Workforce Development Plan with Rutgers University – in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 166(23) – Authorization to enter into a fee-for-service contract with Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ) – Cancer Education and Early Detection services – reimburse the Ocean County Health Department allowable expenses in an amount not to exceed \$13,331.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 167(23) – Authorization to amend community focus group from the Ocean County Board of Senior Services to designate Care Volunteers of Central Jersey as the implementation partner – for the period June 7, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 168(23) – Authorization to accept the HIV/AIDS Ryan White Part B Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$355,946.00 – for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 169(23) – Authorization to accept additional funding from NJACCHO – in an additional amount not to exceed \$381.00 – for a new total amount not to exceed \$2,881.00 – for the term of January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 170(23) – Authorization to accept the bequest from the Estate of Jeanne Pyne – in the amount of \$178,3289.84 – for the use of the Ocean County Animal Facilities – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 171(23) – Authorization to apply for the Comprehensive Status-Neutral HIV Services for Focus Populations – in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 172(23) – Authorization to apply for the New Jersey Department of Health, Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$3,684,358.00 – for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 173(23) – Authorization to apply for the Right to Know Program Grant – in the amount of \$12,259.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 174(23) – Authorization to apply for the County Health Infrastructure grant – in an amount not to exceed \$1,435,662.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 175(23) – Authorization to apply for the NJACCHO Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant-Year 2 – in an amount not to exceed \$4,508,994.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 176(23) – Authorization to amend resolution 157(23) to apply for the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2024 – in a new amount not to exceed \$89,365.00 – for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 177(23) – Authorization to submit conference abstracts for National WIC Association (NWA) WIC Technology, Innovation and Vendor Management Conference – September 27-29, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 178(23) – Authorization to submit a resource application for cybersecurity hardware, software and/or services from the Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 179(23) – Authorization to submit a letter of support for the Ocean County Health Department to apply for PHAB Accreditation – and Authorization for the Accreditation Coordinator to submit any necessary documentation in support of this process upon review and approval of the Public Health Coordinator – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 180(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Niki Jones Agency, Inc. – to provide Marketing, Branding, and Website Design Services – in an amount not to exceed \$118,113.50 – for a period of 12 months beginning on June 7, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

6. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners was absent from today’s Board of Health meeting.

7. Other Matters:

Grants: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer discussed the amended agenda explaining the State of New Jersey is moving forward with many grant opportunities as well as significant funding through county health infrastructure. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is applying for Public Health Accreditation which is on a national level. Mr. Regenye recognized Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator, for her work on administering these grants and the accreditation process. Mr. Regenye explained the enormous amount of work needing to be done in a short period of time. Mr. Regenye stated that Ms. High and her team are doing a great job.

Summer Overdose Spike Toolkit: Mr. Regenye referred to the “Ocean County Summer Overdose Spike Toolkit” provided to each Board member. Mr. Regenye acknowledged Ms. Kimberly Reilly, County Alcoholism Coordinator, on the work putting together the toolkit. Mr. Regenye stated that this project was accomplished with several partners (listed on the last page) throughout Ocean County. The Ocean County Health Department and with the collaboration of several partners have been working to address the overdose situation in Ocean County, adding that the overdose situation is also seen throughout the state and the nation which has been a huge challenge, especially in the post-COVID world.

Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program: Mr. Regenye requested Mr. Peter Curatolo, Coordinator Community Health Services, address the Board with an update of the Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program (CCMP). Mr. Regenye stated that CCMP has begun testing the waters to assure the recreational bathing sites in Ocean County are tested and satisfactory.

Mr. Curatolo stated that CCMP starting collecting samples since May 15, 2023 and 144 samples were collected with one exceedance. Mr. Curatolo discussed the seasonal personnel for this year's CCMP program. Mr. Curatolo thanked Mr. Brian Lippai, Chief of Administration Services, for the wonderful video which educates the public showing the quality control that goes into the recreational beach waters. Mr. Curatolo concluded that the Health Department is well prepared.

Chairman Mallon asked about the turnaround time from when a sample is collected. Mr. Curatolo replied 24 hours and explained the procedure. Mr. Curatolo stated that we are very proactive and are in communication with the mayors, if an advisory has to go up, it goes up and the Health Department resamples the next day and each consecutive day with an exceedance.

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione thanked Mr. Curatolo for all his good work and being proactive.

Youth Programs: Ms. Bacchione did mention an interactive program for the students at Central Regional High School that does cover the topic of suicide. Ms. Bacchione stated that it is a great program.

Plumsted Municipal Alliance Program: Dr. Theresa Kubiel thanked Ms. Reilly who attended the Plumsted Municipal Alliance Program with her. Dr. Kubiel stated that an overview of the Summer Overdose Spike Toolkit was provided along with some information about Narcan and recovery and all the services that are offered.

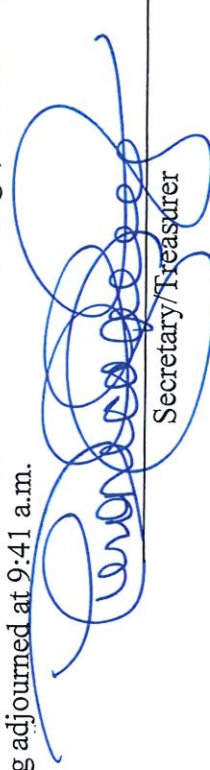
Walnut Street Elementary School: Dr. Kubiel informed the Board about a program at the Walnut Street Elementary School. Dr. Kubiel noting that at the school many students English is a secondary language and health education information was provided in Spanish. Dr. Kubiel thanked Mr. Scott Carter, Chief Administrative Services, and his team who were very instrumental on getting the families vaccination information.

Narcan: Chairman Mallon stated that Narcan was mentioned earlier and commented about a news report that in New York City there are vending machines on the street dispensing Narcan. Dr. Kubiel confirmed the report adding that the vending machines dispensing Narcan started in Maryland and now is going nationwide for those areas that have high instances of overdoses.

8. Comments from the Public: Comments from members of the audience were invited at this time with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker: Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No one wished to speak.

9. Authorization to Enter Into Closed Session If Necessary: Closed Session was not needed at this time.

10. Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Maurice Hill, and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.


Secretary/Treasurer